

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2931 - SB 3241

February 16, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases punishment for the offense of child abuse and neglect from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony if the child is between seven years of age and 13 years of age. Current law provides punishment of a Class D felony if the child is six years of age or less.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$218,000/Incarceration*
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes 25 convictions per year for a Class D felony and a corresponding decrease in Class A misdemeanors.

**Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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